

Money Follows the Person (MFP) Guidance for Participant Placement in Assisted Living Facilities

Under the Money Follows the Person (MFP) Demonstration Grant, an MFP participant must move into MFP qualified housing. All qualified housing options should be considered for each MFP placement into the community.

Qualified housing means:

- **Home owned or leased**
- **Apartment with individual lease**, secure access, as well as living, sleeping, bathing and cooking areas over which the participant or their family has control
- **Community-based residential setting**, such as a group home, with a maximum of four unrelated people (excluding caregivers and personal attendants)

In some instances, an assisted living facility will meet the MFP qualified housing criteria.

MFP participants should be involved in the decisions about where to live. A Regional Transition Coordinator (RTC) should inform the participant about all of the housing choices available in the community. If a participant chooses an assisted living facility, the “MFP Assisted Living Selection Form” will assist an RTC in ensuring participant choice in housing.

In addition to meeting MFP qualified housing requirements; the MFP program considers the new Federal guidelines for the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Settings. Some assisted living facilities may be deemed to not meet the home and community based settings criteria which may affect long term placement of a MFP participant. It is important for an RTC to communicate this with a participant prior to their moving into an assisted living facility.

To determine that an assisted living is an appropriate placement, an RTC must:

- Present the MFP participant with all community housing options.
- If an assisted living facility is the participant’s choice of housing, verify that the assisted living meets MFP qualified housing criteria (see “MFP Qualified Housing Checklist”).
- Complete the “MFP Assisted Living Selection Form” with the participant.
- Inform the participant that should the assisted living facility no longer meet the settings criteria at some point in the future, the participant would be required to move from their current assisted living placement into another setting that qualifies.

Note: If assisted living is being used as a “step down” placement option toward the goal of moving a participant into a community residence, be sure to start the application process for other housing options such as subsidized housing.

In the event that an MFP participant who selects an assisted living placement fails to move, the above criteria will be reviewed in considering the \$1000.00 payment for failed transition.